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SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY 2009 CROPS

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

The final 2009 all wheat production for Colorado, at 100.6 million bushels, was 68.5 percent higher than the production attained the previous year and the largest wheat crop since 1999 in Colorado. Winter wheat production was estimated at 98.0 million bushels, 71.9 percent higher than last year's average size crop of 57.0 million bushels and the second largest crop in the nation behind Kansas. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 2.45 million acres, up from 1.90 million acres harvested last year. The average yield per acre for this year's crop was 40.0 bushels, 10.0 bushels above last year and the second highest on record behind the 43.0 bushels recorded in 1999. The area seeded last fall for this year's crop was estimated at 2.60 million acres. This year's spring wheat crop was estimated at 2.61 million bushels, down 3.3 percent from last year's crop. The average yield of 90.0 bushels per acre was 15.0 bushels above last year and tied the record high yield first attained in 2002. The reduction in area harvested for grain, from 36,000 acres last year to 29,000 acres this year, more than offset the increase in yield. Producers seeded 30,000 acres to spring wheat compared with 40,000 last year.

Colorado's barley production in 2009 was estimated at 10.40 million bushels, up 20.3 percent from a year ago. The average yield per acre, at 135.0 bushels, was up 15.0 bushels from last year. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 77,000 acres, up from 72,000 acres in 2008. Production of oats in 2009 totaled 585,000 bushels, 19.4 percent above last year. Average yield was placed at 65.0 bushels per acre, 5.0 bushels below the previous year. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 9,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from a year ago. Acres seeded to oats totaled 60,000 in 2009, up 15,000 acres from 2008.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2009, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 11 percent from 2008. Grain area is 50.1 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year. The levels of

production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.52 billion bushels, down 18 percent; other spring wheat, 588 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 110 million bushels, up 31 percent.

Oats production is estimated at 93.3 million bushels, 1 percent above the August forecast and up 5 percent from last year's record low production. Yield is estimated at a record high 67.6 bushels per acre, up 3.1 bushels from the last forecast and up 3.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields increased for most States in the western third of the country and for several Appalachian States. Harvested area, at 1.38 million acres, is 3 percent below August and 2 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 227 million bushels, 10 percent above the August forecast but 5 percent below 2008. Average yield per acre, at 72.8 bushels, is up 7.0 bushels from August and 9.2 bushels from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.57 million acres for 2009, down 2 percent from June and down 16 percent from last year. This is the second lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 3.12 million acres, is down slightly from August and 17 percent from 2008.

GRAIN STOCKS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of September 1, 2009 totaled 75.94 million bushels, an increase of 71 percent from 44.37 million bushels on hand one year earlier. On-farm stocks were 121 percent above the previous year and off-farm stocks increased 48 percent. **United States** all wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2009 totaled 2.22 billion bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 840 million bushels, up 32 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.38 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 661 million bushels, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Corn stocks in **Colorado** were estimated at 14.18 million bushels, up 33 percent from the 10.68 million bushels on

hand a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 5.90 million bushels, was 59 percent above a year earlier, and off-farm stocks at 8.28 million bushels, were 19 percent above the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions for **United States** for September 1, 2009 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 3 percent from September 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 608 million bushels are stored on farms, up 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.07 million bushels, are down 5 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 2.59 billion bushels, compared with 2.40 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions for the United States on September 1, 2009 totaled 54.7 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 4.40 million

Grain Stocks

Colorado and United States, September 1, 2008-2009

Grain And Position ^{1/}	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Bushels				
All wheat				
On farms	14,000	31,000	635,700	840,000
Off farms.....	30,375	44,940	1,222,423	1,375,167
Total.....	44,375	75,940	1,858,123	2,215,167
Corn				
On farms	3,700	5,900	499,950	607,500
Off farms.....	6,975	8,280	1,124,200	1,066,559
Total.....	10,675	14,180	1,624,150	1,674,059
Barley				
On farms	2/	2/	127,070	154,000
Off farms.....	2,530	3,535	81,669	85,314
Total.....	2/	2/	208,739	239,314
Oats				
On farms	2/	2/	52,800	54,500
Off farms.....	55	70	66,296	73,955
Total.....	2/	2/	119,096	128,455
Sorghum				
On farms	2/	2/	3,550	4,400
Off farms.....	220	185	49,200	50,348
Total.....	2/	2/	52,750	54,748
Soybeans				
On farms	2/	2/	47,000	35,100
Off farms.....	2/	2/	158,034	103,098
Total.....	2/	2/	205,034	138,198

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

^{2/} Not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{3/} Not estimated.

bushels, are up 24 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 50.3 million bushels, are up 2 percent from September 1, 2008. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance from all positions is 47.5 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

The **Colorado** off-farm oats stocks of 70,000 bushels were up 27 percent from a year earlier. Oats stored in all positions for the **United States** on September 1, 2009 totaled 128 million bushels, 8 percent above the stocks on September 1, 2008. Of the total stocks on hand, 54.5 million bushels are stored on farms, 3 percent higher

than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 74.0 million bushels, 12 percent above the previous year. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2009 totaled 48.9 million bushels, compared with 36.8 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

Colorado off-farm barley stocks totaled 3.54 million bushels down from 2.53 million bushels last year. Barley stocks in all positions for United States on September 1, 2009 totaled 239 million bushels, up 15 percent from September 1, 2008. On-farm stocks are estimated at 154 million bushels, 21 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 85.3 million bushels, are 4 percent above September 2008. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 76.8 million bushels, 23 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2009 totaled 138 million bushels, down 33 percent from September 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 35.1 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 103 million bushels, are down 35 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2009 totaled 458 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The all hog and pig inventory in **Colorado** as of September 1, 2009 totaled 730,000 head, down 3 percent from one year earlier. The breeding inventory of 150,000 head, remained unchanged from one year earlier but the market hog inventory was down 3 percent to 580,000 head. During the June through August 2009 period, 72,000 sows farrowed which averaged 9.50 pigs per litter, resulting in a total pig crop of 684,000 for the period. Producers expect to farrow 73,000 sows during the September-November 2009 period.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 was 66.6 million head. This was down 2 percent from both September 1, 2008, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter. The June-August 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the June-

August 2009 period, compared to 9.51 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs, September 1, 2008-2009

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Head				
All Hogs & Pigs	750	730	68,196	66,626
Kept for breeding ...	150	150	6,061	5,874
Market	600	580	62,135	60,752
Under 60 lbs.	310	315	22,683	21,837
60-119 lbs	105	90	15,397	15,078
120-179 lbs	70	55	12,855	12,674
180 lbs. & over....	115	120	11,201	11,163
Sows Farrowed:				
June thru Aug.	76	72	3,075	2,966
Sept. thru Nov ^{1/}	71	73	3,028	2,935
June thru Nov ^{2/}	147	145	6,103	5,901
Pig Crop:				
June thru Aug.	676	684	29,240	28,772
Sept thru Nov ^{3/}	751	625	29,513	28,770
June thru Nov ^{3/}	1,427	1,309	58,608	58,010

^{1/} Intentions for 2007.

^{2/} Actual for June-August plus intentions for Sept-Nov 2007.

^{3/} 2007-2008 pig crops.

U.S. States hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the September-November 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings in 2008, and down 8 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for December 2009-February 2010, at 2.93 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2009, and down 5 percent from 2008

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2008 through June 2009 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss, and current import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of less than one percent were made to the March 1, 2009 and June 2009 total inventory. An adjustment of less two percent was made to the December 2008-February 2009 pig crop.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from August. The Crop Index advanced 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, onions, grapes, and apples and lower prices for wheat, soybeans, barley, and potatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal

change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (18 percent) from September 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 126, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 25 points (17 percent) from September 2008.

The September All Crops Index at 144, down 2.0 percent from August and 17 percent below September 2008. The September all wheat price, at \$4.30 per bushel, is down 53 cents from August and \$3.13 below September 2008. The corn price, at \$3.32 per bushel, is down 1 cent from last month and \$1.69 below September 2008. The all hay price, at \$107 per ton, is down \$2.00 from August and \$54.00 from last September. The soybean price, at \$9.85 per bushel, decreased 95 cents from August 2009 and September 2008. The all potato price, at \$7.65 per cwt, is down \$1.96 from August and down \$1.00 from last September. The all dry bean price, at \$30.90 per cwt, is down \$1.10 from the previous month and \$5.90 below September 2008.

The September Livestock and Products Index, at 108, is 0.9 percent below last month and down 19 percent from September 2008. The September hog price, at \$37.80 per cwt, is up 40 cents from August but \$14.80 lower than a year ago. The September beef cattle price of \$80.80 per cwt is up 20 cents from last month but \$13.40 lower than September 2008. The September all milk price of \$12.70 per cwt increased 70 cents from last month but is down \$5.50 from September 2008. The fluid grade milk and manufacturing grade prices are up 70 cents from the previous month.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.
	Percent			
Prices Received.....	156	154	127	127
Prices Paid.....	191	190	176	176
Ratio ^{1/}	82	81	72	72

^{1/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

Colorado commodity prices for crop items were lower for September 2009, compared with the previous month, except for dry edible beans and alfalfa hay while livestock items were higher than the previous month except cows. September wheat, at \$3.68 per bushel, was down 94 cents from August and was \$2.96 below September 2008. Corn decreased 22 cents from August to \$3.40 per bushel and was \$1.10 below a year ago. The all potato price of \$7.45 per cwt. was 65 cents below the August price and averaged \$13.05 below the September 2008 price. Dry beans, at

\$32.70 per cwt., increased \$1.40 from August but averaged \$5.60 below a year ago. Alfalfa hay, at \$135.00 per ton remained unchanged from the previous month but was \$30.00 below September 2008. Other hay prices at \$120.00 per ton were \$5.00 below the previous month and averaged \$15.00 below a year earlier.

September mid-month beef cattle prices, at \$91.10 per cwt., averaged \$1.40 above August but \$11.90 below September 2008. Steer and heifer prices for September averaged \$92.00 per cwt., up \$1.50 from August but \$12.00 below September 2008. Cow prices, at \$47.00 per cwt. were \$1.00 below August and \$8.20 per cwt. below September 2008. Calves decreased \$7.00 from August to \$107.00 per cwt. but were \$4.00 per cwt. above September a year ago.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

- Oct. 9 - Crop Production
- Oct. 14 - Turkey Hatchery
- Oct. 16 - Cattle on Feed
- Oct. 20 - Milk Production
- Oct. 22 - Cold Storage
- Oct. 23 - Chickens and Eggs
- Oct. 23 - Livestock Slaughter
- Oct. 30 - Agricultural Prices

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Average Prices Received By Farmers ^{1/}

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		Sept. 2008	Aug. 2009	Sept. 2009
		Dollars		
Crops				
Wheat	Bu.	6.64	4.62	3.68
Corn.....	Bu.	4.50	3.62	3.40
Barley (All)	Bu.	5.43	5.32	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	20.50	8.10	7.45
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	38.30	31.30	32.70
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	165.00	135.00	135.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	135.00	125.00	120.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	103.00	89.70	91.10
Steers & heifers	Cwt	104.00	90.50	92.00
Cows.....	Cwt	55.20	48.00	47.00
Calves.....	Cwt	103.00	114.00	107.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	30.00	33.00	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	99.00	100.00	3/
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	18.50	12.00	13.00
		United States		
		Dollars		
Crops				
Wheat	Bu.	7.43	4.83	4.30
Corn.....	Bu.	5.01	3.33	3.32
Soybeans	Bu.	10.80	10.80	9.85
Barley (All)	Bu.	5.97	5.27	3.87
Barley (Feed).....	Bu.	4.46	2.48	1.88
Sorghum	Cwt	7.99	5.37	5.16
Potatoes	Cwt	8.65	9.61	7.65
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	36.80	32.00	30.90
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	175.00	111.00	110.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	121.00	101.00	100.00
Onions	Cwt	10.50	12.10	19.50
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	94.20	80.60	80.80
Steers & heifers	Cwt	99.30	85.10	85.90
Cows.....	Cwt	54.80	45.70	44.10
Calves.....	Cwt	113.00	110.00	107.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	24.50	31.40	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	99.40	97.40	3/
Hogs	Cwt	52.60	37.40	37.80
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	18.20	12.00	12.70
Broilers.....	Lb.	0.45	0.43	0.42

^{1/} Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments. ^{2/} Insufficient sales to establish a price. ^{3/} Mid-month price not estimated